



## **NEWS RELEASE 19-17**

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### **JOIN US FOR AVIATION DAY THIS SATURDAY - DONATE A NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEM -**

FORT MYERS, Fla. (Nov. 12, 2019) – Aviation Day 2019 will be held Saturday, Nov. 16 at Page Field from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. with free admission and parking. Aviation Day is an annual community event hosted by the Lee County Port Authority with the purpose of increasing community awareness of our airports. The event is held on the ramp on the north side of Page Field off North Airport Road, east of U.S. 41 and south of Colonial Blvd. Parking is available off North Airport Road and U.S. 41 with complimentary shuttle bus transportation to the event.

There will be two featured aircraft at this year's event - a Douglas C-54E and a Douglas C-47 Skytrain. The Douglas C-54E "Spirit of Freedom" is a four-engine military transport aircraft used during World War II, the Korean War and the Berlin Airlift. Visitors will step back in time as they view a flying museum and memorial housed in the interior of this original aircraft. The Douglas C-47 Skytrain "Tico Belle" was part of the Normandy Invasion of WWII, commemorating the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the historic event this year.

Other attractions will include general aviation aircraft and helicopter exhibits, plane and helicopter rides (for a fee), demonstrations by airport police and fire departments, aviation-themed shopping, food and more. In addition, there will be free children's activities and face painting, sponsored by Kimley-Horn and Suncoast Credit Union.

**We are asking those coming to Aviation Day 2019 to help our local community by bringing a non-perishable food item to benefit The Harry Chapin Food Bank of Southwest Florida.**

Presenting sponsors for Aviation Day 2019 are Owen-Ames-Kimball Company and Southwest Airlines; with Manhattan Construction as a platinum sponsor. Additional sponsors are: Bob FM 102.9 and Gator Country 101.9; Hertz, HMSHost, SP+ Airport Services; AECOM, Atkins Global, Cooper Hotels, Costco Wholesale, Creative Events & Rentals, Faith Group, Florida Blue, Hilton Garden Inn Fort Myers, Hole Montes, Inc., Passarella & Associates, Inc.; Allied Portables, BMO Harris Bank, Culver's of Fort Myers S. Cleveland Ave., DeAngelis Diamond, Johnson Engineering, Inc., Paradies Lagardère, SchenkelShultz Architecture, Tru-Clean Surface Care, Universal Contracting of Florida and Waste Pro.

Southwest Florida International Airport served nearly 9.4 million passengers in 2018 and is one of the top 50 U.S airports for passenger traffic. Page Field serves general and business aviation with more than 98,000 aircraft operations annually. No ad valorem (property) taxes are used for airport operation or construction at either airport. For more information, visit [www.flylcpa.com](http://www.flylcpa.com) or Like Us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/flyRSW](https://www.facebook.com/flyRSW).